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**2005 Final District in Need of
Improvement Status**

To: Superintendent
School District

From: Barbara Gantwerk, Acting Assistant Commissioner
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Subject: Final 2005 District in Need of Improvement Status

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) has completed its calculations for *No Child Left Behind* (NCLB) adequate yearly progress (AYP) using cycle 2 data that includes Alternate Proficiency Assessment (APA) results for special education students. Adjustments to the data resulting from the appeals are also incorporated. Final 2005 District in Need of Improvement (DINI) status results will be posted on the NJDOE web site.

According to *No Child Left Behind* (NCLB), a district is identified for improvement if it:

Does not make AYP in all grade spans within the district—elementary, middle school, and high school—for two consecutive years in either the language arts literacy or mathematics content area. (2003-2004 and 2004-2005).

The attached district profile shows the final status of your district for 2005. The review of cycle 2 data indicates your district is “in need of improvement” as defined by NCLB. Districts in need of improvement are responsible for meeting certain requirements as outlined on the attached District Improvement Continuum Chart. Also attached is a list of actions the district may take to appropriately report and analyze its data, and to facilitate school improvement.

Districts may exit improvement status by meeting AYP for two consecutive years. When a district meets AYP for one year, it moves into improvement “hold” status. Districts in “hold” status are still responsible for implementing the appropriate interventions for their year in need of improvement as described on the attached chart. If a district does *not* meet AYP for three consecutive years, it moves into “corrective action” status with additional sanctions.

If you would like to communicate with us about your DINI results or you need any additional information about NCLB accountability, please contact the Office of Title I Program Planning and Accountability at titleone@doe.state.nj.us and/or contact your county office of education/Abbott office.

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